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No problem, Alisha, I totally understand. Thanks for getting back with me.

-Zack

On Thu, Sep 27, 2012 at 3:45 PM, Alisha Johnson <Johnson.Alisha@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Apologies, have been in meetings.

Data released by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is generally consistent with ground water monitoring data previously released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Pavillion, Wyoming area. That data was released for public comment and review, and the important feedback received from these steps will help inform the final analysis. Once finalized, the latest EPA data, along with the USGS data, will be submitted to an independent, expert peer review as part of the ongoing scientific process later this year.

BACKGROUND

Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that we continue to leverage this vital resource safely and responsibly. At the request of Pavillion residents, EPA – in conjunction with the state of Wyoming, the local community, and Encana – began investigating water quality concerns in private drinking water wells three years ago, working to assess ground water quality and identify potential sources of contamination.

It is important to note that the draft findings are specific to Pavillion, where the fracturing is taking place in and below the drinking water aquifer and in close proximity to drinking water wells – production conditions different from those in many other areas of the country.

Zack Colman ---09/27/2012 03:33:59 PM---Alisha, My apologies if I forgot to send you something, but I figured Julia's

From: Zack Colman <zcolman@thehill.com>
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Alisha,

My apologies if I forgot to send you something, but I figured Julia's patching in might have taken care of that. Just wanted to check in to see if we'll be able to connect by 4.

Thanks!

-Zack

On Thu, Sep 27, 2012 at 2:24 PM, Julia Valentine <Valentine.Julia@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

Hi, Zack,

You're not *too* late.

Alisha is copied here and she can help you with this one.

Thx!

From: Zack Colman [zcolman@thehill.com]
Sent: 09/27/2012 02:01 PM AST
To: Julia Valentine
Subject: USGS fracking report in Wyoming

Julia,

I am probably a little late jumping in on this one, but I saw USGS well results in Pavillion, Wyo., turned up some of the chemicals EPA identified in its December 2011 study. Can you confirm this? Also, what does EPA have to say about this recent development? And what are the plans going forward with this information? I understand the USGS did not attempt to interpret the data, but how will this inform EPA decisions going forward?

I am trying to get a post up before 4 p.m., so anything you could do to help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

-Zack

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